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CIA Staff Intelligence Status Reports

1. You will recall that we discussed with you and  a couple of months ago the ORE Status Report.

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2. In particular, reference is made to paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of my memorandum for the ICAPS Files, dated October 11, 1948, on this subject, a copy of which was sent to you:

"3. So far as the State Department's being informed about a subject or having knowledge of a subject on which CIA is working, we hope we have arranged that it will be informed in advance of the subjects, even though they may be so urgent that State cannot participate in the preparation. Thus State will have a knowledge of what is going on at the time rather than 'ex post facto' in these monthly reports.

"4. We have taken up with the JIG the matter of State's participating in the preparation of memoranda for the JIG when the subject pertains to State's dominant interest and have been informed that JIG prefers this normal CIA procedure of coordinating papers. We hope just about everything can be handled in accordance with NSCID No. 3 and DCI 3/1 even though the Memoranda are usually urgent internal matters.

"5. If this reply should not satisfy Mr. Booth he will be advised to submit State's complaint in writing and then a written reply to the above effect can be sent."

3. State has again inquired about participation in these Intelligence Memoranda (this time not violently). They would, however, like to know about them and what is going on even if they are so urgent that they cannot actually participate in them. For example, IM No. 94 of December 8, 1948 about the visit of the Cuban President.

4. It will keep them happy and, I think, grease the wheels of progress if they can be notified in advance of the political, economic, and sociological items that are up for consideration rather than hearing about them after they have been prepared and disseminated. Who knows but what they might have something worthwhile to contribute some day!

5. I would appreciate it if you would look into this situation and let me know if during the past month or two State has received any advance notice about the Memoranda which are prepared by CIA. Booth claims that they have never seen nor heard of them since the question came up in October."

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